

this body should be looking at further budget enhancing proposals.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Rogers, with Senator Lynch on deck.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I also support the override. I think if some of you would look at a map and look at the district I represent, it might give you an indication of why I support this. I have many, many miles between towns in my district to begin with. My district graciously took...lost several offices in the previous cut a year ago. I think one of the main reasons when you get out in our part of the country, at least they could keep some of these offices open and I know in my particular district they are only asking, maybe they could send someone to one or two of these towns one day a week. If we don't get this money they, what the office informed some of my people yesterday, there is probably no chance at all, they can't guarantee us that they would keep any more offices open. But a district as large as I represent and if you get down that there is only possibly one office open in my district, I don't think some of you people that live in Lincoln or Omaha realize what that distance means. And I am simply saying that we would at least like to have one or two offices open in that 80 or 90 mile stretch that I represent, at least maybe once or twice a week. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, followed by Senators Abboud and Moore.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, just a brief explanation about an experience Senator Miller and I had. We went to see the Governor last Friday, wasn't it, Jerry, to talk to her about the issue and, in fact, thank her because we had read in the paper about the support she lent to this particular issue and, in fact, the reconsideration of this \$100,000. As you all know, when we introduced the issue, we complimented her on her understanding of these kinds of human service problems and a 4.3 percent increase in the services and program side of the budget and a 1.5 percent increase in the program for administration notwithstanding the 3 percent salary increase that was over in addition to that. We were surprised, to say the least, that we had heard half an hour before that or so, she had decided to veto it. We had a very productive, I think, and a very personal conversation about it and it wasn't so personal that I can't relay some of it to you. You know, first of all,